

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 27, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1519

Introduced by Senator Bowen

February 23, 2006

An act to add Section 15601 to the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1519, as amended, Bowen. Voting systems: recounts

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to study and adopt regulations governing the use of voting machines, voting devices, and vote tabulating devices. Existing law also authorizes the Secretary of State to approve only those voting systems that meet specified requirements.

This bill would require the Secretary of State, *within the Secretary of State's existing budget*, to adopt regulations no later than January 1, 2008, for each voting system approved for use in the state, and to specify procedures for recounting ballots, including absentee and provisional ballots, using those voting systems.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15601 is added to the Elections Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 15601. The Secretary of State, *within the Secretary of State's*
- 4 *existing budget*, shall adopt regulations no later than January 1,
- 5 2008, for each voting system approved for use in the state and

- 1 specify the procedures for recounting ballots, including absentee
- 2 and provisional ballots, using those voting systems.

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